IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 14, 1999, said period of response being extended from October 14, 1999 to January 14, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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